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This namely: That Man and his Life rest no more on hollowiness and a Lie, but on solidly and some kind of Truth. Welcome the beggarliest Truth, so it be one, in exchange for the royalist sham.—Anonymous.

ARBITRATE THE STRIKE!

The people of Hawaii call for a settlement of the Inter-Island strike.

With public and private interests suffering, at a cost of many thousands of dollars daily to the business of the territory, with a danger always that safety of life and property will be threatened, the strike must be settled soon in justice to the people of this territory.

The situation is more serious than a question of wages between employer and employee; it is more serious than a principle of overtime; it is the question now of public interest injured and that injury increasing every minute that the Inter-Island steamers are tied up at their wharves.

The Star-Bulletin this morning discussed with representatives of both sides of the controversy, with public officials and with business men of the city the suggestion that the existing differences be arbitrated.

Not one objection was voiced against arbitration. Not one protest was made. The Inter-Island officials and the striking captains and mates, while naturally they cannot agree at once to arbitration without knowing the details of the plan, are favorable to the suggestion.

Both sides realize the extent to which the interest of the people is being damaged by the tie-up of the great transportation company. Both sides want the differences settled and the steamers in service again.

Two methods of arbitration have been suggested,—through the courts and through a neutral board of arbitrators. The courts have the advantage of formal organization and method of procedure recognized as impartial by all concerned. A board of arbitrators would possibly have the advantage of being able to consider points not admissible as legal evidence, but which would bear powerfully on the moral issues involved.

Whatever method is to be followed, let it be followed quickly. The moment that arbitration is decided upon, the captains and the mates should step back to their posts and the steamers should go into active service.

The Star-Bulletin recognizes that the corporation involved is a private corporation, but it is a public service corporation through the nature of its business. This paper recognizes also that the striking masters and mates have a grievance that is not a question of public interest except insofar as it has tied up a public service company. But the controversy has passed all bounds of private difference and is now a question of public policy.

Public policy demands a speedy settlement and the way of arbitration offers both sides a method to which they cannot and should not object.

SUGAR AT THE NEXT SESSION

Hawaii has little to fear from the present Congress, either at this session or next, in the way of sugar tariff reduction.

So much was made clear by the action of the senate on the Lodge-Bristow substitute for the house free-sugar bill. In passing the senate substitute, the senators, Republican and Democratic alike, put themselves on record not only by vote but by statement in a way they can hardly overlook when Congress meets for the winter session.

Senator Williams, in a report on behalf of the Democratic members of the finance committee, could not indorse free sugar because they believed the sugar tariff one of the big revenue-producers of the present law. The report added

that while the Democratic house had reduced other tariffs about one-third, it had attempted to wipe out all duties on sugar.

"It seemed to us," said the Williams report, "that this was not in keeping with the promise of Democratic platforms to reduce present protective duties gradually toward a revenue basis. We have seen no reason why sugar should have been excepted from the general policy advocated by the Democratic party and believed by us to be right."

It is interesting and encouraging to note that the press of the country generally has given unusual attention to the sugar bill in the senate, whereas the progress of the bill in the house created little comment. The reason is readily discernible. It has been made plain that the fight on the sugar tariff is a fight by the refining interests, and the hypocrisy of the campaign is apparent to all.

In the senate, the Washington correspondents were all alive to the true situation, and when the "insurgent" senators failed to stand with the Democrats, deserting their previous alliance, it was regarded as a significant move.

With leading Democrats of the senate openly charging that Congress cannot afford to follow the unscientific program of the house majority, no danger exists of free-sugar legislation at the winter session. In fact, it is more than likely that once the campaign is over, the vote-hunting house members will not care to worry half so much about giving the people free sugar as they have been doing for some months.

ONE VIEW OF "OUR CANAL"

The New York Tribune presents an interesting view of the Panama Canal question editorially as follows:

"The occasion of England's speaking is that the United States, in violation of its plighted faith, assumes to convert an enterprise of world proportions and world benefit into one of selfish advantage and discriminating interest. There are those who will profit by this, and there are others whose consciences are outraged by it. We began by 'taking,' or stealing, the route, whose title we had guaranteed to a friendly nation, a sovereignty in a political sense, but a family adjunct—to use the fashionable word—in another sense. We robbed our own when we despoiled an American nation. We are proceeding by degrading the world's greatest facility of commerce into a rake-off for a single interest of the nation. We have pledged ourselves against discrimination, and we are enacting it, and the victims ask to be heard before they are plucked. Those who will be insulted by the intervention can only be those whose pockets are gaping for the profits which alone can explain their action. No man or interest who does not expect to profit by the plan has been heard to raise a defense of it. There are politicians who will not get their pay in dollars, it is true, but they look for strength among the voters who are appealed to for support in the name of giving something to American interests."

Miss Blascoer, the social investigator now here from the mainland, is advocating a plan for educating the coming generations into plantation laborers. Her ideas will be listened to with interest by plantation men who are helping pay the heavy expenses of importing shiploads of labor from Europe.

All the auto-drivers sat up and took notice when they saw a headline announcing "motor practice" for Diamond Head, and the speed-freaks were much disappointed to find that a typographical error in the word "motor" had given them false hopes of immunity from the bicycle cops.

It's all right to shout for the Bull Moose, the Elephant or the Donkey, but somebody's got to be the Goat next November.

All the presidential candidates have now announced that they are striving to save the country, not to catch votes.

Speaking of the strike, all the stand-patters do not seem to be confined to political parties.

The naval demonstration ordered in New York was probably meant to scare Mexico.

Anyway, Delegate Kuhio will probably divert the tourist traffic from Egypt's Sphinx.

At any rate, none can ever say of Teddy's party that it's "Too Much Johnson."

Two Democrats is one too many for harmony in this part of the country.

Well, let's blame the supervisors for the Inter-Island strike!

LEWIS J. HODGE DIES SUDDENLY IN SAN FRANCISCO

Lewis J. Hodge, who bought Waikiki beach property for \$37,500 from Mrs. F. S. Lyman in April last only to lose it last month for default in payment of installments of the price, is dead. A cablegram from San Francisco announcing his death was received by Frederick J. Lowrey, president of Lewers & Cooke, Ltd., this morning. At last previous accounts as published in the Star-Bulletin, Mr. Hodge was in a California sanitarium. The late Mr. Hodge made friends of all who met him during his short residence here. His character was religious and his manner genial. He was about seventy-seven years of age and his sight was much impaired. He was married twice, the second Mrs. Hodge having accompanied him to Honolulu.

 FUNERAL OF LATE RULER OF JAPAN TO TAKE PLACE IN TOKYO, SEPT. 13.
 The funeral of Mutsuhito, late emperor of Japan, will be held in Tokyo, September 13, according to a cable received in Honolulu last night. After the great ceremony at the capital city, the cortege will move to Kyoto, the ancient capital of the empire, where the services will occupy two days, September 14 and 15. These will include the placing of the coffin in the imperial mausoleum where the royal forefathers of the Emperor are buried.
 After a conference of leading Japanese with Acting Consul Mori yesterday, it was decided that the local Japanese colony should observe September 13 as the day of the funeral and keep it a holiday.

TANAKA'S MISSION

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more Japanese laborers, he talked in a manner that had a drift that way. He beat around the subject but never came to the point of stating that his mission was connected with immigration. In answer to questions he put about the labor situation here, I told him we were bringing in more Filipinos, and, although they were not equal to the Japanese as laborers, they gave promise of being satisfactory after they had become acclimated.

"I am informed that Mr. Tanaka talked to others to whom he had been introduced in just about the same manner as he had to myself—trying to draw them out on the subject of renewing the immigration of Japanese to the Islands. He was called home suddenly, however, on account of the expected death of the Emperor, before he had carried his mission, whatever it was, beyond the stage of investigation."

Asked by the reporter about the present lay of labor conditions, Mr. Smith said a better class of Filipinos than formerly is now being introduced. Greater care is being used in their selection. With regard to Portuguese and Spanish immigration, great difficulty has been met in the matter of charters for vessels. There seems to be a great demand for steamers in the Atlantic.

Dr. Clark is now in Russia making investigations into the feasibility of obtaining agricultural laborers in that country. Mr. Smith emphasized "agricultural," saying the great trouble with most of the Russians heretofore coming is that they have not belonged to the farming class.

On a cabled request from United States Attorney McCormick, of Los Angeles, U. S. Marshal Hendry yesterday afternoon arrested Clyde Ward Allen at the Metropole Hotel on a charge of violating the Federal penal code in conspiring to conceal the assets and effects of a bankrupt from the trustee.

Allen was given a preliminary hearing this morning before Commissioner Davis, and will be held until the next mail leaving the Coast brings the warrant from Los Angeles. The prisoner will then be extradited and returned to the California city for trial.

Kim, the Korean court interpreter found guilty eight months ago of embezzlement and who, after serving one month's term in prison on additional charges of the same nature, is now endeavoring to escape the ensuing terms through a writ of habeas corpus, which is being heard by Judge Whitney today.

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LORRIN ANDREWS will leave for Hilo on the Wilhelmina.

REAR ADMIRAL STANFORD expects to return to the Coast on the Sonoma tomorrow.

EX-GOV. GILLETTE of California is contemplating a visit to these islands for the benefit of his health. He has been in the hands of physicians for some time.

REV. FRANK GOODSPEED will preach at the Bijou Theater next Sunday evening at the second of the union services to be held during the month of August.

W. H. COLSON of Boston will give a free illustrated lecture on postage stamps at the Y. M. C. A. this evening at 8 o'clock, to which all are invited, especially members of the junior department of the association.

MAJOR JOHN JENKINS, Fifth Cavalry, in called orders received from Washington this morning, is detached from his regiment, and ordered to proceed to Manila at once for duty in the inspector general's department.

FRANK K. MOTT, mayor of Oakland, who yesterday won triumphantly over the socialists in a recall election, intends visiting Honolulu this fall. J. W. Pratt, his lifelong friend, has cabled congratulations to Mayor Mott on his victory.

A. M. NOWELL, manager of the Sugar Factors Company, will leave in the steamer Missouri, sailing from Hilo on August 20, for Delaware Breakwater via the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. He will inspect the system of sugar shipments by that route, also the company's property in Baltimore held for a refinery site, and besides Philadelphia, New York and Boston will visit his old home in Winchester, Mass.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

JUDGE ARTHUR WILDER—You can say for me that my sympathies are with the captains and mates. I think the company is very foolish if it does not settle.

PAUL SUPER—I have been hard at work today preparing the report of my trip on the mainland, which is to be read at the directors' meeting this evening. Quite a lot of business will be transacted.

J. T. WAYSON—The market stall keeper and others required to screen their commodities have until the thirtieth to do so. After that there will be something doing in the arresting with all who have not complied with the law. It is expected that there will be opposition to the court ruling on the ordinance, and preparation will be made for such emergency. A supply of warrants are now filled up with name line blank. I shall certainly do my duty. It is then up to the courts.

NOTED STAMP EXPERT

AT COOKE HALL TONIGHT

Warren H. Colson, of Boston, one of the most noted stamp experts in the world, will speak at Cooke Hall, Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8 o'clock on the subject of stamps, with especial reference to Hawaiian issues of interest to local audiences. A cordial invitation has been extended to all.

MAY END STRIKE.

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latter vessel to get away at five o'clock.

Friday's projected departures include the steamer Claudine for Maui ports at five in the evening. The Kilauea is being prepared to get away for Kona and Kan ports at noon tomorrow.

These projected departures are all subjected to postponements, because of the strike now existing with skipper and mates.

STRIKE-PUTS END TO SPECIAL VOLCANO TRIPS

The tie-up of the Inter-Island vessels through the strike will have the effect of putting an end for the present to the volcano trips with special rates as advertised by the company, and as a result it is feared that the strike, if long-continued, will affect the tourist travel to the islands.

It is possible for tourists wishing to make the trip to the volcano to use the Matson vessels but the rate for the journey is higher and there is no special arrangement applying as to hotel rates and land transportation. It is probable that if a settlement is not reached soon, an effort will be made to make arrangements with the Matson Company for a volcano tour.

SAILORS AND ENGINEERS

MAY GO OUT IN SYMPATHY

It is rumored as probable that, if the captains and mates' strike is not settled soon, the engineers will strike in sympathy with them, to be followed in all probability by the sailors.

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With the resignation of Isaac Spiro the last McCarthy man on the San Francisco Police Commission an upheaval is looked for in the police department, and many changes are anticipated.

Annetta Halliday, a widely known magazine writer is under arrest at Detroit, suspected of killing a family servant who had killed her savings, which amounted to a lot, to the Halliday family.

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